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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 05-Jun-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 06/05/99	Previous Week 05/29/99
Bro-Fry	138,558	158,287
Lt Hens	1,461	2,005
Hvy Hens	1,250	1,445

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 29-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	549	13	562
Last Week	442	0	442
Same Wk Yr Ago	618	13	631
To Date 1999	10,289	150	10,439
To Date 1998	12,006	204	12,210

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,823	1,418	4,241
Last Week	2,771	1,356	4,127
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,617	1,351	3,968
To Date 1999	56,715	28,408	85,123
To Date 1998	56,422	26,438	82,860

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 29-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	156,997 (A)	2,274	1,405	3,679
Avg Wt	5.07	3.37	7.84	5.08
Last Week	155,354	2,329	1,356	3,685
Same Week Yr Ago	130,940	1,999	1,338	3,337
Avg Wt	4.91	3.34	7.77	5.12
To-Date/1999	3,170,521	46,426	28,258	74,684
To-Date/1998	3,047,787	44,416	26,234	70,650

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.9 million head or 6.4 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending May 22, 1999

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	33,818	29,738	47,811
Avg Weight	3.80	4.76	6.09
% Of Total /1	30%	27%	43%
Comparisons			
Last Week	33,281	25,903	48,442
Avg Weight	3.84	4.76	6.09
% Of Total /1	31%	24%	45%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	29,774	45,315	30,083
Avg Weight	3.77	4.76	6.08
% Of Total /1	28%	43%	29%

To Date/1999	666,436	561,670	878,087
To Date/1998	685,406	668,773	642,501
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 22-May-99 (Thousand Head)

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	27	4,737	23	4,787
Avg Wt	8.74	24.48	25.43	24.39
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	5,491	24	5,515
Same Week Yr Ago	0	7,218	8	7,226
Avg Wt	0.00	22.90 (B)	23.38	22.90
To-Date/1999	27	94,789 (B)	618	95,434
To-Date/1998	8	102,847 (B)	719	103,574

(B) Includes 309,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 405,000 in 1998

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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